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| Patent No. 5,835,868             | : |             |
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 8, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 10, 1998. The last day of the grace period for paying the 11.5-year maintenance fee was November 10, 2010. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

**The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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